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EXPORT IMPORT OF FRUITS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of fruits specially apples exported and imported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country and variety-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken note that Indian fruit markets are flooded with imported apples;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions laid down for their import;

(d) whether the Government has any mechanism to ensure that imported fruits, specially apples are fit for human consumption and free from any worms or pesticides and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the impact of import of fruits on domestic fruit growers specially apple growers along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) The details of overall fruits exported from India during the last three years along with details of apples exported are given below :

Quantity in MT, Value in US$ Million

	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total fruits	448305	375	497595	463	481176	552
Of this : Apples	30067	19	23806	9	36098	14

Source: APEDA

The top destinations for export of fruits are UAE, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Russia & Saudi Arabia

The data for import of apples into India during the last three years is as under:

Quantity in MT, value in $ M

2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
188072	197	202279	214	175356	201

Source: APEDA

Apples are imported primarily from countries like USA, China, Chile and New Zealand. Variety-wise export/import details are not maintained by DGCI&S.

(b to d) As per DGCI&S data, the import of apples has fallen from USD214 million in 2012-13 to USD 201 million in 2013-14. Import of any food item into India are required to comply with the provision of the Act, Rules, Regulations and guidelines of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and that of the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

(e) Import and export of any agri commodity is dependent upon demand and supply situation and Government reviews the situation from time to time to ensure that domestic industry is not adversely affected through surge in imports. Currently, import of apples is done at the tariff rate of 50% which is the highest permissible tariff rate applicable to apples.